

corridor no less than in the retired apartments of the party managers. The first of these is the silver question. This question is still claiming the greater share of consideration and will continue to hold the place in the front rank of speculation and deliberation until it is finally settled by the convention itself.

Two problems present themselves. The first is how much to do with silver; the second, how little to do with gold. Around these questions range the speculation and the interest of all.

Three lines of policy will be presented to the committee on resolutions, upon meeting the different shades of opinion of the delegates. These are:

First—To declare in explicit terms for the gold standard.

Second—To take a positive stand for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 independent of the course of all other nations.

Third—To practically declare for gold and against any further recognition of silver than the present laws give, except upon international agreement, but without any terms the gold standard and with a few words of encouragement to the friends of silver.

The contest will be principally between the advocates of the first and second propositions, and, as it now appears, the outcome will be a compromise between these, which means, of course, that the silver will be almost all that the gold men will demand. The extreme gold forces will be led by the New York and Massachusetts delegations, seconded strongly by other eastern and Mississippi valley delegates.

The advocates of an

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are confined largely to the delegations from the intermediate states with some support from the Pacific Coast and possibly a few from the West. The representation in the committee will be larger than in the convention, but in neither section to obtain more than a respectful hearing. McKimley is expected to announce that no compromise whatever will be acceptable to them and so thus practically eliminate themselves from any work of compromise.

With this feature of the silver question removed from the deliberations of the committee it is not believed its deliberations will be greatly prolonged.

One important question remaining unsettled is that of the selection of a vice-presidential candidate. Next to the financial plank, the filling of the place on the ticket has engaged the greatest share of speculative attention during the week, but apparently opinion has not been so well canvassed upon this subject as it has been upon the names of candidates.

The names of candidates have been suggested including those of Messrs. Hobart, of New Jersey; Governor Morton and General Tracy, of New York; Governor Bushnell, of Ohio; Governor Dingley, of Maine; H. Clay Evans, of Tennessee; and Hon. M. H. De Young, of California.

BIG DAY THERE.

A glimpse at the headquarters of McKimley.

McKIMLEY HEADQUARTERS, ST. LOUIS, June 14.—While the headquarters of some states have not been crowded, as is usually the case two days before the convention assemblies, this has been a big day at the rooms of the Ohio delegation, known as McKimley headquarters. Some of the Ohio delegates and Mr. Hanna are on duty there all the time, while delegates at large, Foraker, Bushnell and Grosvenor and some district delegates are out visiting with other delegates and leaders. When Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, the temporary chairman, arrived this morning from Indianapolis, Mr. Hanna and others had a long conference with him. The keynote speech, and later this keynote speech was submitted to a conference of the McKimley leaders. It is understood that the keynote speech will be in the line of the Indiana platform, which specially declares opposition to the

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is no doubt about the McKimley men regarding Senator Hawley with great favor. If his state will come out for him, Governor Brown of Rhode Island is another prominently mentioned. Hobart of New Jersey is being aggressively pushed, but he is considered a suburban resident of New York, and that may militate some against him. If anyone should be taken from the south, the second place it will be, no doubt, H. Clay Evans, of Tennessee, an ardent McKimley supporter and for a running mate from the east and for a man of national reputation. Reed, if he accepts it, not, the next best man from the east.

CONTENDED CASES.

Analysis of the Work of the National Committee.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 14.—An analysis of the work of the national committee in regard to the 168 contests which were originally filed with it shows that 136 cases were acted on, some of the original number having been abandoned, while several, notably those of Delaware and a portion of the Texas delegation, were referred to the committee. In many cases both contestants and objectors were understood to be McKimley men, notably in all of the Mississippi and South Carolina districts, and in certain districts of Tennessee, Virginia and elsewhere.

Of the 136 claimants rejected by the committee, sixty-two are avowed McKimley men. The impression which prevailed during the consideration of these cases was that the McKimley men were deciding a large majority of the cases in favor of McKimley, doubtless grew out of the fact that in nearly all of the states where there were a

LARGE NUMBER OF CONTESTS

both the contestants and the objectors were avowed McKimley men, and that the McKimley men were necessarily given seats on the McKimley men, since in so many of the cases, contestants and objectors were, according to the McKimley men, McKimley men. In New York three districts were contested, covering six delegates. Two of the McKimley delegates and in the other two districts the McKimley men were given a half vote. In Pennsylvania there was a contest in the Third district. The contesting delegates were both admitted, each being given a half vote. In Virginia there were contests in the Second, Third and Eighth districts. In the Third and Eighth the contests were withdrawn and in the Second district the McKimley men were given a half vote. In North Carolina there was a contest in the Sixth district. Both delegates were admitted, each with a half vote.

THE HALL IS READY.

All That Remains to Be Done is the Locating of the Various Delegations.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—The convention hall in which the convention will be held, is ready for use tonight if it were needed. The decorations are complete and all that remains to be done is the locating of the various state delegations which will be attended to tomorrow. The convention hall, erected especially for this occasion, is a plain rectangular building 182 by 262 feet, with an auditorium 100 by 200 feet, for the use of the delegates and the general public. The hall is divided into seats and a gallery all around the building.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

This is represented by a star, fifty feet from tip to tip, covered with bunting, and immediately under the star is a large American flag.

THE HILL FACTION.

There was a contest as to the six delegates-at-large, all being admitted with a half vote to each. The contests in the other districts were decided in the same manner.

IN ARIZONA.

In South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas there were organizations commonly known as the "Hill" faction, claiming the right of the convention in all of these cases the committee decided that the organization was irregular and could not be recognized.

"GOLD STANDARD."

It has been apparent for at least two months that Governor McKimley would be coming to the convention with information on the first ballot. It was not thought, however, that he would have such a large number of uncontested delegates. The roll, as made up by the McKimley men, shows that he has increased his vote in the convention. These contests are settled without reference as to whom the delegates favored and the committee, as the McKimley men would have it, has been no temptation to vote for McKimley men not legally elected.

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